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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, SF, WA  
SUBJ: NAMIBIA: CAPE TOWN FIVE THOUGHTS ON NEXT STEPS

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN 1214; (B) USUN 2538

1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET EARLY JUNE 19 TO DISCUSS THE VARIED  
REPORTS OF THE WESTERN FIVE'S DISCUSSIONS ON NEXT STEPS.  
BECAUSE ALL OF US HERE ARE IN THE MIDST OF PACKING AND PREPARING  
FOR THE MOVE TO PRETORIA, COMMUNICATIONS ARE NOT AS GOOD AS USUAL  
FOR SOME AND ONLY WE AND THE BRITISH HAD REPORTS OF THE JUNE  
17 DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YOR. (REF B ON THE NEW YORK MEETING OF JUNE  
18 REACHED US AFTER OUR OWN MEETING HERE JUNE 19.) WE WERE ALL  
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AGREED WITH THE DAR ES SALAAM FIVE THAT IT WOULD NOT BE WISE  
TO PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR THE CONTACT GROUP TO VISIT  
DAR AND PRETORIA IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. IN ORDDER TO EMPHASIZE  
OUR COMMON ASSESSMENT HERE, IT WAS THOUGHT DESIRABLE TO  
TRANSMIT OUR AGREED POSITION.

2. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE CAPE TOWN FIVE POSITION AND THE CONCLU-

SIONS REACHED BY THE CONTACT GROUP JUNE 18 (REF B) ARE NOW SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORD, WE THINK IT IS STILL USEFUL TO RECORD THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF THE CAPE TOWN FIVE: QUOTE: THE CAPE TOWN FIVE ARE AGREED THAT:

A. IT WOULD BE BEST TO START THE PROCESS OF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SAG RATHER THAN WITH NYERERE IN ORDER NOT TO CREATE FALSE EXPECTATIONS ON NYERERE'S PART. THE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD REGARD A PRIOR APPROACH TO NYERERE AS EVIDENCE THAT WE WERE PREPARING TO EXTRACT FURTHER CONCESSIONS FROM THEM TO MEET SWAPO'S DEMANDS.

B. THE OBJECTIVE OF APPROACHING THE SAG FIRST SHOULD BE TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THEM THAT THE RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS SHOULD BE STATIONED AT GROOTFONTEIN ONLY AND THAT THEY WILL ACCEPT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS WILL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS OF THE FIVE'S SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL.

C. A SPECIAL VISIT BY THE CONTACT GROUP TO PRETORIA WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

D. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HAVING THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS SEND A MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA TO BE DELIVERED BY THE PRETORIA FIVE SUGGESTING THE COMMITMENTS WE NEED FROM THE SAG WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO MEET THE CONCERNS OF THE OTHER PARTIES. END QUOTE.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT. WE URGE THAT THE CONTACT GROUP GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE CAPE TOWN FIVE'S SUGGESTION FOR A MESSAGE  
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FROM THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROACH TO THE SAG. THIS WOULD GIVE MORE FORCE TO THE APPROACH AND PERHAPS HELP TO IMPRESS NYERERE WITHOUT ADDING TO ITS PUBLIC PROMINENCE.

5. WE WILL BE COMMENTING ON THE PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR BOTHA (USUN 2537) IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.  
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